

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Executive

Suppl ID # 3052 Fund 1 Cost Center 4288 Originator: Suzanne Mildner

Year 2 2020 Add'l FTE Priority 1

Name of Request: *OppCo Public Services CDBG-emergency amend*

X		4/8/2020
Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)		Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4333 1422	HUD-CDBG	(\$154,946)
	6610	Contractual Services	\$154,946
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

This request is for emergency COVID-19 funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce, to be distributed equally to 3 counties including Whatcom, Island and San Juan by way of subrecipient agreement with our community action agency, Opportunity Council.

1b. Primary customers:

Low- and moderate-income residents of Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties

2. Problem to be solved:

Washington State Department of Commerce is utilizing current CDBG Public Services grant contracts with Washington Counties as a vehicle to allocate emergency funding from HUD for the COVID-19 emergency response at the local level. Whatcom's current contract may be amended to add additional funding in the amount of \$154,946 for this purpose. The funds will pass through to the grant subrecipient Opportunity Council, and will be used for short term housing assistance in the tri-county areas of Whatcom, Island and San Juan counties.

3a. Options / Advantages:

This contract amendment will allow for a swift response to urgent housing needs of many of our low- to moderate-income citizens in the tri-county area.

3b. Cost savings:

N/a

4a. Outcomes:

This emergency funding will provide one-time or short-term (no more than 3 month) emergency payments (including rent) on behalf of individuals or families, to prevent loss of housing due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

4b. Measures:

Opportunity Council will serve income-qualified individuals and families and will provide reports as required under the State contract.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Opportunity Council and 3 community resource centers in San Juan County.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Sheri Emerson, Associate Director of Opportunity Council, is responsible for overseeing program services.

6. Funding Source:

Federal grant funding from HUD through the Washington State Dept. of Commerce's CDBG Program.